

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office action mailed June 22, 2006 is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 15 and 34 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious in light of Lokey (US Patent 3,785,230) combined with Meckoski (US Patent 2,501,134) or Comer (US Patent 3,368,596). That rejection is traversed. Nevertheless, applicant has cancelled claim 15 without prejudice so the rejection of that claim is moot. Additionally, applicant has amended claim 34 to set forth the protection currently sought.

Amended claim 34 now describes a table saw with “a brake adapted to engage and decelerate the blade when the detection system detects the dangerous condition between the person and the blade, where the brake pivots up and down relative to the table to maintain an operative position relative to the blade when the elevation mechanism moves the blade up and down relative to the table.” None of the cited references discloses or suggests a brake that pivots up and down relative to a table, and none of the references suggests any reason for such a brake. Therefore, amended claim 34 is patentable over the references.

Claims 35, 38, 40-44 and 47-52

Claims 35, 38, 40-44 and 47-53 are pending in the application but the examiner did not examine those claims. Those claims were added to the application at the same time claim 34 was added. None of those claims are the subject of a restriction requirement. Applicant asks the examiner to examine those claims. (The examiner apparently did not notice those claims are pending because the Office Action Summary

sheet included with the Office action incorrectly says that claims 15 and 34 are the only pending claims.)

New Claims

Applicant is adding new claims 53-55.

Conclusion

With entry of the above amendments, and for the reasons discussed herein, applicant submits that all of the issues raised in the Office action mailed June 22, 2006 have been addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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